

continue until every individual shall be a soldier in the army of Jesus Christ, until every tongue shall be the tongue of praise, and every house the house of prayer, and every kingdom shall be the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

North Liberty.

#### HAS THE S. S. C. E. A PLACE IN THE CHURCH

E. M. SHOWALTER.

I answer this question in the affirmative.

1. It is reasonable that it should have; Woman was created for a *helpmate* and companion.—Companion in all the relations pertaining to true and noble manhood and godliness. She was also created man's equal. See history of creation in Genesis. Again, the power of woman's influence has been realized in all ages. Women, like queen Esther, have always been looked upon with favor. This is true physically, politically, socially, worldly and spiritually.

Jeremiah said, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman." In the labors of Christ and the Apostles, woman's help was sought for and much appreciated. This is proven by the record concerning, a Mary, a Martha, a Dorcas, a Priscilla, a Phebe and others.

If one woman's help can prove so very efficient and influential, must we not conclude that where there is combined effort the result will be correspondingly greater. The wave of temperance which is so effectually sweeping over the world is being headed and led by that grand and combined effort of the W. C. T. U. The reports which greet us from all over our brotherhood lead us to conclude that the S. S. C. E. is doing good work. The apostle Paul teaches that we should be ready unto every good word and work. Therefore as our S. S. C. E. is helping so much, we should acknowledge not only that it has a place, but an honorable, exalted and holy place in the church, and we believe the society should be greatly encouraged; encouraged by word of mouth. For "words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver," encouraged by the prayers of the church, and by the pocketbooks of the brethren—the lord's of creation.

To our sisters we say, Remember your responsibilities as fellow helpers in God's vineyard, and let us become interested in our holy work of Christian Endeavorers.

Should we meet with occasional criticism or even opposition by our "lords," let us stand for our rights as helpmates in our Father's work. Let us feel that our work is not a burden but a God given privilege, and God will bless us as humble instruments in the salvation of souls, and in eternity we shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. Yes, sisters, the S. S. C. E. has an exalted place in the church. If there be any that think we have not a place in the church, come and see the beautiful little church that was built the past few months, through the noble efforts of our sisters, on Pony Creek, which was dedicated a week ago last Sunday free from debt. On last Sunday we met and

organized a Sunday-school. Brother Allen Lichty was chosen as our superintendent. Pray for us that we may be more beautiful. God bless the Sister's work, is my prayer.

Morrill, Kan.

### Our Young People

#### GRATITUDE: TO WHOM? FOR WHAT? HOW SHOWN? Luke 17:11-19

Topic for K. C. and C. E. Societies for Nov. 21

This is the Thanksgiving topic for the year and we will look forward to this meeting with eager anticipation. We want no melancholy, slow and sleepy leader for it. Of all meetings it ought to be the best. Choose the happiest songs. See that everyone, and especially members, are urged to be present ready to take part. Why not begin the day with

##### A SUNRISE PRAISE MEETING?

Read I Chron. 16:7-43 and mark all the things we are told to do: Sing, glory, seek, remember, be mindful, declare, give, fear, be glad, heavens, earth, sea, fields, trees and all give thanks, "And all the people said, amen, and praised the Lord.

Speak of your special blessings during the year. You have grown toward spiritual manhood, Eph. 4:15. Tell of it. You have more of Christ formed in you, Gal. 4:19. Tell of it. You have added to your Christian virtues, II Peter 1:5-8. You have gotten nearer the mark of your calling, Phil. 3:13, 14. Your experience is deeper, your strength greater, your vision brighter, your home nearer. Tell of the joys which accompany all of these things. And then remember that we are "saved to serve," and consecrate these new blessings to him who gave them and use them in bringing others to him. You will have all the more to say and enjoy in the evening meeting because of this sunrise meeting.

##### SCRIPTURE LIGHT

"It is a good thing to give thanks. Ps. 92:1; 95:2; 104:4; 147:7; Phil. 4:6; Col. 2:7; Rev. 7:12.

*Thankful to whom?* God the giver of all things, Jas. 1:17. To those who help us—parents, rulers, teachers, pastors, etc., Rom. 13:7; I Tim. 5:17; Rom. 1:14.

*Thankful for what?* Life and health, Acts 17:25. Daily food, John 6:11. Providential care, Rom. 8:28. The unspeakable gift, II Cor. 9:15. Blessed pardon, I Cor. 6:11. Blessed hope, Col. 1:27; Titus 2:13. Blessed assurance, Rom. 8:16. Blessed company, I John 1:3, 7; Eph. 2:19. Blessed life, Eph. 1:3.

*Thankful how?* Public praise, Ps. 116:13; Heb. 13:15. In conversation, Mal. 3:16. Family worship, Deut. 6:7. Any other way (papers, tracts, etc.) to make praise known, Acts 13:49. OFFERINGS: I Chron. 16:29. Help the poor, Isa. 56:6-10. Do right, Ps. 26:6, 7. Continue thankful, Col. 3:15.

##### TO THINK AND TALK ABOUT

1. Some common blessings often unnoticed.
2. Special blessings which only Christians enjoy.
3. Blessings of the year in temporal prosperity, in being spared from war and plagues, in progress in inventions, arts, etc., in the growth of the Kingdom, growth of Christian fellowship, of missionary zeal, etc.
4. What progress have we made as a church for which we should be thankful?
5. What blessings have come to your own local church and society?
6. What special personal blessings have you received?
7. How can you use all these in the way most pleasing to God. Discuss this last much. Do something practical. Plan for a big offering for missions and the poor. Spend Thanksgiving not in sport and feasting, but in the spirit of worship.

Make God's will your prayer.

#### SALISBURY, PA.

In our small town there are three thriving chapters of the Y. P. S. C. E., the Lutheran, the United Evangelical or "Keystone Society" and "The Hosanna Society." The meetings of the last named are held in our place of worship (The Brethren church) and are a source of much good to us. On the evening of the twenty-ninth there was held a special meeting for which a delightful program had been prepared. The literary part of the exercises was indeed good.

While the organization is not distinctly "Brethren," our good pastor, Brother Mackey, was asked to participate, and his excellent address was certainly received with much interest and appreciation. Among the most enjoyable features of the evening, the music cannot escape special mention. It was the best the town affords and we presume to say it is good. If nothing should occur to prevent, Dr. Mackey will begin a series of meetings for us on November 3, and on the evening of the 8th will conduct the love-feast.

ALLIE A. SMITH.

### The Sunday School

#### LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 21

BY THE EDITOR

##### The Christian Armor.—Eph. 6:10-20

GOLDEN TEXT.—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Eph. 6:10.

LESSON THOUGHT.—If we would do efficient service for the Master, we must feed on God's word and daily use his armor.

##### Home Readings

The Christian Armor, Eph. 6:10-20.

The warfare, Romans 7:12-25.

Our weapons, II Cor. 10:1-6.

It is written, Matt. 4:1-11.

The enemy vanquished, Rev. 20:1-10.

The arm of salvation, Isa. 59:12-21.

Our refuge, Psalm 46.

##### Introductory Notes

The letter of which this lesson is a part was written at Rome during the two years imprisonment of Paul in that city. It is addressed to the Ephesians. At Ephesus Paul established a church during his three year's stay, A. D. 54-57. This city seems to have been the center from which Paul had labored in the surrounding country. We are told that the "word of God grew mightily and prevailed" there, tho. there was much opposition. In his farewell address to the Ephesian elders Paul gives us a brief summary of his work in the city of Ephesus. The illustration of the soldier and the armor to which Paul refers in this letter was no doubt suggested to him by the presence of the Roman soldier who was ever in the prison and at the side of the apostle. Every life is a great battle, a continuous series of battles, and to win in the battle for right we need the armor the Lord has provided for us.

##### Meaning of the Text

10, 11. *Be strong.* Strengthened in the Lord. *Power—might.* Mighty power as in Eph. 1:19. *Armor.* The outfit suited for